

21 APR 1970

Mr. Arthur B. Focke
General Counsel
Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Focke:

Thank you for your letter of 16 April 1970 requesting our views with respect to the proposed order entitled "Amendment of Executive Order No. 10450 of April 27, 1953, relating to security requirements for Government employment."

The Central Intelligence Agency has no objection to the proposed order.

Sincerely,

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John M. Maury
Legislative Counsel

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NOTE FOR: Colonel White

The proposed executive order does two things:

(1) transfers from the Attorney General to the Subversive Activities Control Board the hearing function for determining whether an organization is totalitarian, fascist, communist, etc., thus removing the Attorney General from the position of being both prosecutor and judge;

(2) adds "violent-action" oriented to the specific types of organizations in which membership or affiliation has a bearing on Federal employment or retention consistent with the interest of national security. The elements of such an organization are identified in subsections (1) through (4) on page 3 of the proposed executive order. These elements include obstructing Federal recruitment efforts, impeding Federal officers, damaging or destroying property, causing personal injury and denying others their rights be they Federal, state or local.

The proposed reply was coordinated with Security, through DDS, and General Counsel.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Amendment of Executive Order
Number 10450

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for
Howard J. Osborn
Director of Security

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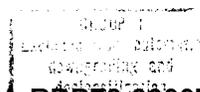


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 Amendment of Executive Order Number 10450

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

April 16, 1970

Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Attention: Mr. John Maury

Dear Mr. Helms:

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 11030, as amended, relating to proposed Executive orders and proclamations, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget has received from the Attorney General a proposed order entitled "Amendment of Executive Order No. 10450 of April 27, 1953, relating to security requirements for Government employment" (copies enclosed).

In transmitting the draft Executive order the Attorney General stated, in part:

The attached draft Executive Order would amend §12 of Executive Order 10450 for the purpose of transferring to the S.A.C.B. from the Attorney General the function of holding hearings on the application of the Attorney General to determine whether "any organization is totalitarian, fascist, communist, subversive, or violent-action oriented, or whether it has adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights

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under the Constitution or laws of the United States or of any state, or which seeks to overthrow the government of the United States or any state or subdivision thereof by unlawful means.

Under the present Executive Order this responsibility rests with the Attorney General who is thus cast in the unfortunate role of being both prosecutor and judge. The new draft also adds a new criterion in order to reach violent-action organizations.

Because of the constitutional and procedural problems involved no new organizations have been added to the list since 1955. The emergence of violent-action organizations of the extreme left and right has caused a reexamination of the problem and this draft Executive Order is the result. This Department believes the time has come to reactivate this program.

The list of organizations is prepared for the information of Federal civilian officers and employees and for the convenience of persons completing applications for Federal employment. Membership in or affiliation with a designated organization is one factor to be considered by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government in connection with the employment or retention in employment of individuals in Federal service.

The Director of the Bureau of the Budget would appreciate receiving an expression of your views with respect to this matter not later than Tuesday, April 20, 1970.
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Sincerely yours,

Walter B. [Signature]
General Counsel

Enclosures

Executive Order

Amendment of Executive Order No. 10450 of April 27, 1953, Relating to Security Requirements for Government Employment.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States including 5 U.S.C. Sections 1101 et seq., 3301, 3333, 3571, 7301, 7311, 7501(c), 7512, 7532 and 7533 and 18 U.S.C. 1918; and as President of the United States, and finding such action necessary in the best interests of national security, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 10450 of April 27, 1953, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

1. Paragraph (5) of Section 8(a) shall read:

"(5) Membership in, or affiliation or sympathetic association with, any foreign or domestic organization, association, movement, group, or combination of persons (hereinafter referred to as organization) which is totalitarian, fascist, communist, subversive, or violent-action oriented, or which has adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution or laws of the United States or of any state, or which seeks to overthrow the government of the United States or any state or subdivision thereof by unlawful means.

2. Section 12 shall read:

"(a) Executive Order No. 9835 of March 21, 1947, as amended is hereby revoked.

"(b) The head of each department and agency shall be furnished by the Attorney General with the name of each organization which shall be or has been heretofore designated under this order. Except as specifically provided hereafter, nothing contained herein shall be construed in any way to affect previous designations made pursuant to E.O. 10450, as amended.

"(c) The Subversive Activities Control Board shall, upon petition of the Attorney General, conduct appropriate hearings to determine whether any organization is totalitarian, fascist, communist, subversive, or violent-action oriented, or whether it has adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution or laws of the United States or of any state, or which seeks to overthrow the government of the United States or any state or subdivision thereof by unlawful means.

"(d) The Board may determine an organization to be 'violent-action oriented' if it is found that such group engages in, advocates, or has among its purposes or objectives, or adopts as a means of obtaining any of its purposes or objectives, --

(1) the commission of acts of force or violence or other unlawful acts to deny others their rights or benefits guaranteed by the Constitution or laws of the United States or of the several states or political subdivisions thereof; or

(2) the unlawful damage or destruction of property; or injury to persons; or

(3) the overthrow or destruction of the government of the United States or the government of any State, Territory, district, or possession thereof, or the government of any political subdivision therein, by unlawful means; or

(4) the commission of acts which violate laws pertaining to treason, rebellion or insurrection, riots or civil disorders, seditious conspiracy, sabotage, trading with the enemy, obstruction of the recruiting and enlistment service of the United States, impeding officers of the United States, or related crimes or offenses.

"(e) The Board may determine an organization to be 'totalitarian' if it is found that such organization engages in activities which seek by unlawful means the establishment of a system of government in the United States which is autocratic and in which control is centered in a single individual, group, or political party, allowing no effective representation to opposing individuals, groups, or parties and providing no practical opportunity for dissent.

"(f) The Board may determine an organization to be 'fascist' if it is found that such organization engages in activities which seek by unlawful means the establishment of a system of government in the United States which is characterized by rigid one-party dictatorship, forcible suppression of the opposition, ownership of the means of production under centralized governmental control and which fosters racism.

"(g) The Board may determine an organization to be 'communist' if it is found that such organization engages in activities which seek by unlawful means the establishment of a government in the United States which is based upon the revolutionary principles of Marxism-Leninism, which interprets history as a relentless class war aimed at the destruction of the existing society and the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, the government ownership of the means of production and distribution of property, and the establishment of a single authoritarian party.

"(h) The Board may determine an organization to be 'subversive' if it is found that such organization engages in activities which seek the abolition or destruction by unlawful means of the government of the United States or any state, or subdivision thereof.

"(i) The Board may further determine, after consideration of the evidence, that an organization has ceased to exist. Upon petition of the Attorney General or upon petition of any organization which has been designated pursuant to this section the Board after appropriate hearings may determine that such organization does not currently meet the standards for designation. The Attorney General shall appropriately revise or modify the information furnished to departments and agencies consistent with the determinations of the Board.

"(j) The Board shall issue appropriate regulations for the implementation of this section."

NOTE: Text above is as received by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget from the Attorney General April 15, 1970.

DRAFT: Alternate Response
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Thank you for your letter of 16 April 1970 requesting our views with respect to the proposed order entitled "Amendment of Executive Order No. 10450 of April 27, 1953, relating to security requirements for Government employment."

Since the subject matter of the proposed order deals with internal security, we have no comments to offer.

Sincerely,

John M. Maury
Legislative Counsel

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<p>We have no comments to offer on the proposed Executive Order. This seems to be entirely an internal security matter. I would assume that Security will have no suggested comments although you will be hearing from them directly. I can hear the screams of anguish, however, if this ever gets published.</p>			
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